

CALIFORNIA STATE RAIL PLAN



Overview

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008 requires that a state rail plan be developed and updated every five years. In addition, California Government Code Section 14036 requires the California Department of Transportation to complete a 10-year rail plan with both passenger and freight rail elements, and that the rail plan be updated every two years.

Background

The development of the California State Rail Plan will coincide with the California Interregional Blueprint Interim Report in December 2012. A draft State Rail Plan will be available to the public for review at the end of 2012. Responses to comments will be included in the final California State Rail Plan in early 2013.

Purpose of the State Rail Plan

The California State Rail Plan (Rail Plan) establishes a statewide vision, sets priorities, and develops implementation strategies to enhance passenger and freight rail service in the public interest. It will serve as a basis for federal and state rail investments within the state for high speed and intercity passenger rail. The vision, priorities and implementation strategies established in the Rail Plan will support the State's goal of an integrated, multimodal transportation system. This Rail Plan will be the first planning document that fully integrates the planned California high-speed rail system with the existing and proposed conventional rail system.



Updating the State Rail Plan

The Division of Rail has been approved for approximately \$3 million in High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) grants from the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) for the development of the State Rail Plan. This includes developing associated Service Development Plans (SDPs) for the Pacific Surfliner, Coast Daylight and the San Joaquin corridors. The Division has entered into a consultant contract with AECOM and Cambridge Systematics to help develop the Rail Plan. The SDPs will be developed first and used as input into the final overall Rail Plan. Business plans for California High-Speed Rail and Capitol Corridor rail services will also be incorporated into the plan. Rail stakeholders, partners and the public will be involved in developing the Rail Plan.



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